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SUBJ: POST SURVIVAL FOR REMAINDER OF FY 1975

REFS: STATE 008434; STATE 5156; STATE 1345;

LA PAZ O.M. DTD DECEMBER 12, 1974;

LA PAZ 8353 DTD DECEMBER 19, 1974.

SUMMARY: POST REQUIRES \$14,394 IN PROGRAM FUNDS BY  
JANUARY 25 IN ORDER TO CONTINUE MINIMAL OPERATION. END  
SUMMARY.

1. I MET JANUARY 14 WITH COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS AFFECTED BY  
NET REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAM BUDGET OF \$30,498 AND \$30,000  
GIVEN US BY THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF THIS POST CAN  
CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON THE REMAINING \$107,355 AVAILABLE TO  
US FOR THE REST OF THE FY. WE CANNOT. NOR CAN WE WAIT FOR  
DEPARTMENTAL ACTION ON THE SURVIVAL ESTIMATE REQUESTED IN  
STATE 008434. UNLESS THIS POST RECEIVES AT LEAST \$14,394  
BY JANUARY 25 WE WILL BE FORCED TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES OUT-  
LINED IN PARA 3 WHICH WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF MAKING THIS POST  
INEFFECTIVE, DISMANTLING OUR SECURITY SHIELD AND DENYING EMPLOY-  
EES BENEFITS THEY ARE PROMISED BY LAW AND REGULATION.  
UNLESS WE RECEIVE FURTHER RELIEF NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, THE  
POST WILL HAVE TO IMPLEMENT TOTAL SHUT DOWN PROCEDURES TO  
AVOID VIOLATION OF THE ANTI DEFICIENCY ACT OF 1946.

2. OUR IMMEDIATE NEED IS FOR THE RESTORATION OF \$5,896  
ERRONEOUSLY TAKEN FROM US BY THE DEPARTMENT (REF STATE 5156)  
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AND FOR \$8,478 DENIED US UNDER ITEM 1 OF INCREASE/DECREASE  
NO. 1 (REF STATE 0345) JUSTIFICATION FOR WHICH IS LISTED

BELOW.

3. ESSENTIAL ITEMS REQUIRING FUNDING IN 3RD QUARTER FOR WHICH NO FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE: ALL US AND LOCAL OVERTIME; FIELD TRAVEL; R&R TRAVEL; TELEPHONE TOLLS; TELEGRAPH EXPENSES; PRINTING; RESIDENTIAL, VEHICLE, OFFICE MACHINE AND APPLIANCE MAINTENANCE; AUTO FUELS, LUBRICANTS, PARTS AND SUPPLIES (I.E., AMBASSADOR'S AND DCM'S SECURITY VEHICLES BECOME INOPERATIVE); REFERENCE MATERIALS; OFFICE SUPPLIES; AND SPECIALIZED CLOTHING.

4. NO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE IN THE THIRD QUARTER. WE ARE ASKING FOR IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF \$14,394 TO COVER ABSOLUTELY MINIMAL EXPENSES AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTRY TEAM IN THESE CATEGORIES.

5. FULL JUSTIFICATION AND DETAILS (BEYOND THOSE ALREADY SUPPLIED IN LA PAZ DECEMBER 12, 1974 O.M. AND LA PAZ 8353) IN EXCESS OF THE ABOVE REQUESTED RESTORATION WILL BE SUPPLIED IN THE SURVIVAL TELEGRAM, THE INCREASE/DECREASE STATEMENT AND THE SURVIVAL FINANCIAL PLAN. ALL WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY DJANUARY 23. IF, FOR ANY REASON THE FULL AMOUNT URGENTLY REQUESTED AT THIS TIME IS NOT FORTHCOMING THE POST URGES THE DEPARTMENT TO FIND SOME WAY TO DEFER ALL THE BADLY NEEDED SHIPMENTS OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE NOW OUTSTANDING SO THAT WE MAY UTILIZE THE \$16,439 ALLOTTED FOR FREIGHT IN THE THIRD QUARTER FOR EVEN MORE URGENT NEEDS. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS REQUEST IS HIGHLY IRREGULAR BUT, IN THE ABSENCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS, THERE ARE NO ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES.

6. THE ABOVE RESTORATION REQUEST, BASED ON SPECIFIC REDUCTIONS TO OUR ORIGINAL BUDGET ESTIMATE, WILL BARELY SEE US THROUGH THE THIRD QUARTER. IT INCLUDES ALL POSSIBLE COST REDUCTIONS AND DEFERRALS. FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, WE WILL REQUIRE A RESTORATION OF \$24,406 FROM THE GENERAL REDUCTION OF \$30,000 TO MAINTAIN SURVIVAL LEVELS OF OPERATION. ALL OF THE ABOVE PROJECTIONS WILL BE REDOCUMENTED IN ACCORD WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S LATEST REQUESTS. BUT, I MUST  
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EMPHASIZE THAT LA PAZ CAN NO LONGER OPERATE ON HOPES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS. WE ARE FACED WITH IMMEDIATE UNACCEPTABLE CUTS AND THE SHUTTING DOWN OF THIS POST SOON AFTERWARDS UNLESS ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE FORTHCOMING NOW.  
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